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SUBJECT: U.S. UNGA VOTE ON CYPRUS QUESTION REFERRAL:
CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE

REF: (A) NICOSIA 3560, (B) USUN 5110

1. CYPRUS AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU SAW UNDER SECRETARY HABIB

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NOV 10 TO RAISE SUBJECT OF U.S. VOTE IN UNGA NOV 8 ON

CYPRUS QUESTION.

2. SAYING HE WAS SPEAKING AT REQUEST OF FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES, DIMITRIOU SAID CYPRUS (A) SEES U.S. VOTE AS INCONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS POSITION, (B) FEELS "SOME" COULD INTERPRET IT AS "NEW TILT TOWARD TURKS", AND (C) WHETHER OR NOT CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY WAS INTENDED, NET EFFECT WOULD BE TO BOLSTER TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE REGARDING FULFILLMENT OF UN RESOLUTIONS AND MAKE MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS LESS LIKELY.

3. REFERRING TO SPECULATION AND MISINTERPRETATION IN PRESS AND ELSEWHERE, HABIB STRESSED THAT IT REMAINS OUR FIXED PRINCIPLE TO OPPOSE ACCESS TO UNGA PLENARY FORUM BY OTHER THAN REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. OUR VOTE THIS TIME WAS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH POSITIONS

TAKEN EARLIER: PROCEDURAL QUESTION IN 1975
WAS SO PHRASED AS TO HAVE LED DIRECTLY TO AN INVITATION TO TURK CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVE TO SPEAK IN PLENARY. THIS YEAR TURKEY MADE NO SUCH REQUESTS IN ITS MOTION. NOV 8 VOTE WAS ON PURELY PROCEDURAL QUESTION. OUR POSITION TRADITIONALLY HAS BEEN THAT THERE SHOULD BE FULL DISCUSSION OF ANY ISSUE WHICH ANY UN MEMBER CONSIDERS IMPORTANT.

4. HABIB THEN WENT ON TO EXPRESS OUR OWN SURPRISE OVER REPORTS (REF A) OF MAKARIOS STATEMENTS REGARDING CYPRUS PRINCIPLES.
THESE WERE WORKED OUT AMONG
THOSE INTERESTED IN PROGRESS TOWARD NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. HABIB NOTED WE HAD EARLIER GOTTEN POSITIVE SIGNALS FROM CYPRUS GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING CHRISTOPHIDES AND DIMITRIOU.

5. DIMITRIOU AGREED THAT EARLIER SOUNDINGS ON PRINCIPLES HAD BEEN POSITIVE IN TONE AND SAID HE COULD NOT COMMENT FURTHER. HE THEN TURNED TO SOLICIT U.S. SUPPORT FOR A CYPRUS RESOLUTION THIS YEAR WHICH WOULD CALL ON SECURITY COUNCIL TO SEEK IMPLEMENTATION OF EARLIER RESOLUTIONS. SUCH A RESOLUTION, HE SAID, WOULD STRENGTHEN SC AND SYG
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HAND. DIMITRIOU SAID USG AND EC-9 SHOULD PRESSURE THE TURKS AND THAT SUCH A RESOLUTION WOULD PROVIDE A BASIS; OTHERWISE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM MIGHT BE WITH US IN PERPETUITY. HABIB INDICATED WE WOULD HAVE TO STUDY ALL PROPOSALS BUT THAT REAL PROGRESS DEMANDED A COMMITMENT BY THE TWO PARTIES TOWARD NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THEIR DIFFERENCES.

6. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION DIMITRIOU SUGGESTED
QUICKEST WAY TO OBTAIN AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT ON GOC
VIEWS REGARDING CYPRUS PRINCIPLES WOULD BE FOR CRAWFORD TO
DISCUSS THIS WITH MAKARIOS. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR SHOULD
NOT REPEAT NOT RAISE THIS WITH ARCHBISHOP PENDING FURTHER
INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT. END COMMENT. KISSINGER

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